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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): 1. (Currently Amended) An embossed multi-ply fibrous structure product comprising an x-plane and a y-direction, two or more plies of fibrous structure bonded together along adjacent surfaces of the two or more plies by an adhesive to form a bond area, wherein the bond area is less than about 30% of the bonded adjacent surfaces, wherein the product comprises two faces, wherein one face comprises non-adhesively bonded embossed sites and the other face comprises adhesively bonded non-embossed sites, wherein the embossment sites are non-densified and wherein the non-embossed sites are densified wherein the density of the densified non-embossed sites is greater than the density of the non-densified embossed sites, and the embossed sites extend in the y-direction from the x-plane of the embossed multi-ply fibrous structure product, wherein the fibrous structure product exhibits an embossment height of at least about 1000 μm , and wherein the embossed multi-ply fibrous structure product, when in roll form, exhibits an average effective caliper that is greater than the average sheet caliper of an identical multi-ply fibrous structure in its non-embossed form.

Claim 2 (Original): The fibrous structure product according to Claim 1 wherein the two or more plies of fibrous structure are bonded together at a plybond strength of at least about 4 g/in.

Claim 3 (Original): The fibrous structure product according to Claim 1 wherein the fibrous structure product exhibits a wet burst of at least about 305 g.

Claim 4 (Original): The fibrous structure product according to Claim 1 wherein the fibrous structure product exhibits a sheet caliper of at least about 40 mils.

Claim 5 (Original): The fibrous structure product according to Claim 1 wherein the fibrous structure product exhibits a sheet caliper to effective caliper ratio of greater than 1.1.

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Claim 6 (Original): The fibrous structure product according to Claim 1 wherein the fibrous structure product exhibits a cross machine direction stretch at peak load of greater than 8%.

Claim 7 (Original): The fibrous structure product according to Claim 1 wherein the fibrous structure product is in roll form.

Claim 8 (Original): The fibrous structure product according to Claim 1 wherein the adhesive is present on the adjacent surfaces in the form of separate, discrete dots and/or separate, discrete stripes.

Claim 9 (Original): The fibrous structure product according to Claim 1 wherein at least one of the two or more plies of fibrous structure comprises a fibrous structure selected from the group consisting of: through-air-dried fibrous structure plies, differential density fibrous structure plies, wet laid fibrous structure plies, air laid fibrous structure plies, conventional fibrous structure plies and mixtures thereof.

Claim 10 (Withdrawn): An embossed multi-ply fibrous structure product comprising two or more plies of fibrous structure bonded together at a plybond strength of at least about 4 g/in along adjacent surfaces of the two or more plies by an adhesive to form a bond area, wherein the bond area is less than about 30% of the bonded adjacent surfaces, wherein the product exhibits an embossment height of at least about 1000 μm , and a wet burst of at least about 305 g.

Claim 11 (Withdrawn): The fibrous structure product according to Claim 10 wherein the fibrous structure product exhibits a sheet caliper of at least about 40 mils.

Claim 12 (Withdrawn): The fibrous structure product according to Claim 10 wherein the fibrous structure product exhibits a sheet caliper to effective caliper ratio of greater than 1.1.

Claim 13 (Withdrawn): The fibrous structure product according to Claim 10 wherein the fibrous structure product exhibits a cross machine direction stretch at peak load of greater than 8%.

Claim 14 (Withdrawn): The fibrous structure product according to Claim 10 wherein the fibrous structure product is in roll form.

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Claim 15 (Withdrawn): The fibrous structure product according to Claim 10 wherein the adhesive is present on the adjacent surfaces in the form of separate, discrete dots and/or separate, discrete stripes.

Claim 16 (Withdrawn): The fibrous structure product according to Claim 10 wherein at least one of the two or more plies of fibrous structure comprises a fibrous structure selected from the group consisting of: through-air-dried fibrous structure plies, differential density fibrous structure plies, wet laid fibrous structure plies, air laid fibrous structure plies, conventional fibrous structure plies and mixtures thereof.

Claim 17 (Withdrawn): A method for making an embossed multi-ply fibrous structure product comprising the steps of:

- a) adhesively binding two or more plies of fibrous structure together to form a multi-ply fibrous structure by applying an adhesive to at least one surface of the two or more plies, wherein the adhesive is applied to less than about 30% of at least one of the two or more plies surfaces;
- b) embossing the multi-ply fibrous structure such that the multi-ply fibrous structure exhibits an embossment height of at least about 1000 μm to form the embossed multi-ply fibrous structure product.

Claim 18 (Withdrawn): The method according to Claim 17 wherein the adhesive is applied in an amount sufficient to provide a plybond strength of at least 4 g/in in the embossed multi-ply fibrous structure product.

Claim 19 (Withdrawn): The method according to Claim 17 wherein at least one of the two or more plies of fibrous structure comprises a fibrous structure selected from the group consisting of: through-air-dried fibrous structure plies, differential density fibrous structure plies, wet laid fibrous structure plies, air laid fibrous structure plies, conventional fibrous structure plies and mixtures thereof

Claim 20 (Withdrawn): The method according to Claim 17 wherein the multi-ply embossed fibrous structure product exhibits a wet burst of at least about 305 g.

Claim 21 (Withdrawn): The method according to Claim 17 wherein the adhesive is applied to the adjacent surfaces in the form of separate, discrete dots and/or separate, discrete stripes.

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Claim 22 (Withdrawn): An embossed multi-ply fibrous structure product made by the method according to Claim 17.

Claim 23 (Withdrawn): A method for making an embossed multi-ply fibrous structure product comprising the steps of:

- a) providing a first ply of fibrous structure;
- b) providing a second ply of fibrous structure;
- c) applying an adhesive to a surface of the first ply of fibrous structure such that the adhesive contacts from about 0.1% to about 30% of the surface area of the first ply of fibrous structure;
- d) combining and marrying the first and second plies of fibrous structure along adjacent surfaces of the first and second plies of fibrous structure such that the adhesive bonds the two plies together to form a multi-ply fibrous structure exhibiting a plybond strength of at least about 4 g/in; and
- e) embossing the multi-ply fibrous structure such that an embossed multi-ply fibrous structure product exhibiting an embossment height of at least 1000 μm is formed.

Claim 24 (Cancelled)

Claim 25 (Withdrawn): An embossed multi-ply fibrous structure product comprising a first face and a second face, wherein the first face comprises non-densified embossed sites and the second face comprises densified non-embossed sites.